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Applicant : Riccardo Dalla-Favera
Serial No.: 09/585,023 Examiner: S. McGarry
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For : MUM-1 PROTEIN EXPRESSED BY MULTIPLE MYELOMA-RELATED GENE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 15, 2001 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is submitted in response to the June 15, 2001 Final Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the June 15, 2001 Final Office Action is due September 15, 2001. However, since September 15, 2001, falls on a Saturday, a response filed on the next business day is to be considered timely, i.e., Monday, September 17, 2001. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 89 as follows:

89. (Twice Amended) A purified human MUM-1 protein having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:14 or a fragment thereof.